Town of Otis

Planning Board Meeting Minutes July 14, 2025

Call to order 7:03 PM

• Roll Call: Mark Anthony-Chair Hal Kobrin Ross Knowles Gordon Middleton John Fletcher

- Public Hearing: Special Permit Beech Plain Road Mark, Open the public hearing Christina, reviewed the public notice information
 - -Public Notice was posted to the Town Website and in the Town Hall on 6/24/25 at 10AM
 - -Public Notice was published in the Berkshire Eagle on 6/27/25 & 7/4/25
 - -Notices to Abutting Properties and abutting Towns were sent out via certified mail on 6/28/25
 - -Notice was not sent to one property owner located in Sandisfield that may be within the 300'. Robert & Ellen Meeropol, 84 Musante Dr, Northampton, MA
 - -Note: Robert Meeropol is present and participated in the public hearing.
 - *(Public Notices and copies of Certified mailings are attached)

SK Design is here to discuss permit application and bylaws that note why a special permit is required for the driveway. A special permit for a driveway of 16% grade is allowable under the bylaws as long as the driveway provides safe and reasonable access for fire and emergency vehicles.

*Read letters from Otis Police and Otis Fire into record. (letters attached)

SK Design, key thing to note is that this driveway is no the only access to the property, if safety was a concern there is a second access

The primary use would be coming from the Otis driveway, with the Sandisfield driveway as secondary

The driveway is steep but will be paved, the Sandisfield driveway is flatter but not as user friendly in some situations.

This special permit is for the driveway itself NOT the use of the property, the use requires a separate permit from the Otis Zoning board, this has not been filed, this is separate. A permit has been applied for in Sandisfield for commercial use, the Sandisfield select board needs to sign off on the use of the driveway for commercial purposes.

Hal, questions on drainage

SK, pitches away from building, drainage swales on both sides, driveway will be paved, culvert will be put in at end of driveway at the direction of public works department, rip rap swale, no proposed retention.

Mark, were any studies done on drainage

SK, no not specifically on drainage, only on groundwater recharge regarding pervious and impervious areas, rooftop and groundwater runoff for property as a whole not specifically the driveway.

Mark, open comments and questions to the public but want to remind all this is regarding the driveway specifically and not the use of the property.

Hal, specifically the change of the driveway from 10% pitch to 16%

Ken Woolfe, 33 Lake Shore Dr., OWL

Does pertain to both, moving forward on the driveway variance is putting the cart before the horse, this biases town and others decision making, opposition to entire proposal for development and commercialization of the property, approving the variance is premature and prejudicial, needs to be looked at in the larger context, runoff is important, we already have runoff issue on beech plain road so before approval we need clear understanding.

SK, Just to clarify, we are not asking for a variance, we are asking for a special permit, they are different this is not a variance, by laws state a special permit can be granted.

Alex Nikituk (Property Owner), we don't believe this is putting the cart before the horse, zoning is currently residential, even to build a home on the property you need a driveway in Otis, driveway as currently planned is best most feasible option, weather it is for residential or commercial.

Ken Schwartz, 315 Tamarack Trail, Sandisfield, OWL

Senior partner and director of planning VHB, prepared plans zoning studies, exc, environmental permits, in his career

Community engagement is key to project success, outreach engagement has not been great with OWL, lack of trust with community, the owner took down over 100 trees without advanced notice, owner filed with planning board without prior notice, no acknowledgement with immediate abutters, 2 homes located less than 250 ft, members of board had productive face to face meeting with owners just the other day.

New driveway at 16% far exceeds 10 %, far above allowable limit

Adding a new steep driveway is dangerous, the applicant has not looked at any design options that is less than 10%

Have they been in contact with fire and police, this information was not included in original application

Concern on road which is OWL only access will become commercial welding operation

We want to work with the town and owner to find better location that doesn't require variance.

J Nanda, Beech Plain Road, right across the road from the property

Letters read into record from police and fire mention emergency access but not traffic and other safety concerns, Runoff has already been mentioned another concern, There are better places for this business, This requires a lot of hurdles to put this business in this location, there are better locations. This is not an ideal spot for this business, lack of engagement with community can all be forgiven but use of driveway and need for this to be 16% is not included in this application, 4 acres of land why can they not minimize grade of driveway. Until all is fully understood, additional time and information is needed.

Robert Meeropol, 314 Wood Lands Way, Sandisfield, OWL

Were not notified, because they were in Sandisfield

All those trees cut down was heartbreaking and no notice for the trees was not neighborly People don't abide by speed limit, 30 mph speed limit then goes up to 45 mph, people are going 40-45 mph entering beech plain road, how many feet between mouth of driveway and rt 8, blind corner, this is a major safety concern, opportunity to make it safer, having moved here a few years ago, came here to be in the woods and are residents of Western MA since 1970, want this area to prosper, support local businesses, just don't think this is the right way to go about it

Mark, How much traffic will be used for this driveway?

Alex Nikituk, Business owner,

We started this business in 2019, live on Smith Road off of Beech Plain Road 1 mile up the street

Family-owned small business, full time since 2022,

All current business traffic currently goes down Beech Plain Road,

At most we get 2 steel deliveries per month

This property will only move business closer to rt 8

3 employee vehicles in and out every day

Large part of business happens off site with inspections and other business

Communication- we reached out to OWL long before we started any site work, they didn't communicate to their people, we have had an open line of communication

Once we started site work there was no communication except through lawyers, not until this meeting that we received phone calls from OWL president

Location- if you look at the lot there is no other location to put a driveway, the rt 8 side is too steep and within the river buffer zone, this is the most effective location

Safety- I have children at Farmington River School, family lives in Otis, we are up and down that road every day, I would not put in anything that would be unsafe and put my family at risk. I agree Beech Plain Road turn from rt 8 is an issue that should be addressed, but it has nothing to do with this driveway.

We have over 50 signatures of support from members of the public, there may be some opposition here but there are many others in support of this in town.

Joan Katter, 318 Lakeshore Dr, Sandisfield, OWL

Concern about when he is looking at selling in 50 years what other commercial owner will buy it.

Hal, to be clear this special permit is not about commercial property, this hearing is regarding the driveway for a property that is currently residential, this is proposing to change the grade of the driveway from 10% to 16%.

Otis second homeowner in OWL,

The first call from owners was after the trees were cut down Commercial use of driveway is related, this application does not show why we cannot

have a 10% driveway, engineering doesn't show why it cannot be 10% Why does it need to be 16%.

SK, can address the need for 16%.

We need to get from point A to point B. Cannot change point A which is the road. We can choose where we connect to the road but cannot change the location or elevation of the road. Where the proposed building is, lowering site by a few feet, need to get from that location down to road which gets us 16%, if we lowered the building significantly might be able to get to 10% but that is unrealistic and other site restrictions prevent that, river buffer zone also an issue.

Hal, It isn't just a matter of cutting and creating a grade, can only change site so much, and cannot change road.

SK, Can we push building any further back into property. No, we cannot push back into Sandisfield, property was a gravel pit for OWL, over the years it has been filled in with stumps and rocks, it is disturbed soil and you cannot build on top of disturbed soil, that eliminated 90% of the lot.

Steve Weiner, 305 Wood Lands Way, Sandisfield, OWL

Concern on driveway and runoff. With a welding site, there is metals and hazardous waste, want proof there will not be a concern with this.

Hal, the grade of the driveway does not change contaminant in runoff. Building on Otis side, they need access from Otis, we are only addressing Otis site.

John fletcher, Where does grade start near building, elevation of building related to road, how much flat area near building exists.

SK, building elevation is roughly 10 ft higher than road, flat near building and then 90% of driveway is at 16%.

Elizabeth Goodman, attorney represents OWL club board of directors Filed a letter sent today, purpose of the letter is to request the planning board to continue hearing at least for a month, just discussed issues with OWL board, one issue is location and use of building, because driveway is connected to a proposed building in a certain location, it may be negotiation results in change in location of the building, only got access to letters from fire and police today, these letters only mention Sandisfield access is safe and does not comment on Otis driveway safety and access, applicant wanting to keep the project out of conservation commission area does not mean it is best, ask that the board continues meeting to allow OWL and other residents to address concerns.

*(Letter attached)

Ross, comment on fire letter, Sandisfield driveway is sufficient for emergency access, this driveway would just be secondary, currently no issues with current business traffic going down same road.

Mark, Otis Woodlands has about 220 dwellings in their community and the only way to access it for the residents, police, fire and EMS is by driving into Sandisfield and up Woodland Way.

Stacey Schults, Has the planning board approved other increased grades for driveways.

Mark, yes recently approved one with 13% but it was gravel, was for residential and apartment use, in the last 6 months.

Hal, have approved many others in the past, lots of hills in this area so the need does come up.

Lissa Treasure, Sequena Dr, OWL

Have there been issues with that grade when there is approval for the increased grade, any dangerous issues, or has it been fine.

Hal, no issues have ever been brought to my attention, one main concern we look at is water runoff, and access, water coming out onto town road.

Lissa Treasure, Sequena Dr, OWL, yes and discharge boxes are proposed specifically installed to collect runoff.

Ashley Nikituk, other business owner Our existing driveway is 15% and we have no issues.

Ed Kahlstrom, 252 North Beech Plain Rd, Sandisfield

Lived there for over 20 years, Concern with people not stopping coming down the hill from the Woodlands, that is a safety concern, moving the driveway down to this proposed location might prevent this and help with safety, this new driveway would help, current runoff from woodlands is bad, this new driveway had drainage and does address runoff and would be improvement.

Jonathan Treasure, Sequena Dr, OWL

Full time residents, minority of full time residents, aware it is challenging for fire services to reach this area in order to reach current fire, there is a large number of properties currently in OWL where grade is over 16%, just want to point out there is disingenuous comments coming from people here, first time full time residents have been requested to come here by OWL, disingenuous.

Ross, had mentioned he spoke with the highway department,

Alex Nikituk, Yes, Mr. Porier evaluated where driveway needed to be

*PB received copy of highway curb cut approval today, was issued 2/18/25 Note to include 12" culvert, approval from highway department.

William Obrien,

Member of Otis fire department and Emergency Management Director for the Town of Otis, personally plowed jones road and it is steeper than 16%, never had an issue, it had proper drainage design, if proper drainage design there is not an issue, Comment on fire access, we can access 16% if necessary, but yes Sandisfield access is sufficient.

Mark, Any further comments.

Mark, motion to close the public hearing, Gordon second, all in favor.

Planning board discussion on Special Permit

Ross, have no problem with it, we have highway, fire, and police approval, no one has shown to me why 16% is a problem.

John fletcher, we are required to review based on bylaws, required to prove highway, fire, and police have no issue, they have done that here.

Gordon, have no issue with it, detailed application, answered all questions.

Hal, would have approval focused on driveway grade and in no way comment on business or use.

John, motion to approve special permit, Ross second, all in favor.

Alex Nikituk, we have provided contact information to OWL, if anyone has a question comment or concern, please reach out we would love to meet and discuss.

Gordon, comment zoning meeting is strictly zoom just so everyone is aware when the time comes.

- Approval of June 9, 2025 minutes
 Hal motion to accept, Ross second, all in favor.
- Table Master Plan Update, no current updates
- Discussion on Seasonal Community Designation

Another listening session sent out from BRPC

Stacey, if we accept the seasonal designation, a specific percent of housing will need to be designated affordable housing, based on a percentage of income, will correlate of income of people that live here, don't go over a certain percent of income to go toward housing cost for each person, percent of the income of the people who live here

Hal, how much do you spend on housing, food, medical, exc

Stacey, affordable housing does not mean low income, they have redefined affordable based on income, percentage of persons income, percentage of housing stock should be affordable, within the percentage of average income of people living in that space

Hal, if it exceeds the percentage then it's not affordable

Stacey, no matter the type of house it would need to be within the range of people who can afford, has not been approved yet it is what they are talking about

John, most of Otis is single family homes, can have tiny homes, duplex, four plex, exc. Workers that live in Otis such as school workers, highway workers, exc may not be able to afford currently available homes

Stacey, single family homes can still be affordable, not currently a formula to designate these as affordable, tax increase for second homeowners,

Hal, tax increase for second homeowners is wrong

Ross, that would destroy property values

Stacy, second homeowners can afford it, Otis taxes are already lower than all surrounding towns, this is what is being discussed in info sessions, none of this is final yet

John, why is it reasonable,

Stacy, need to keep services at a higher level with seasonal communities and the burden is placed on people who live here year-round, and residents often have lower income than the seasonal second property owners, need more police and emergency services because of seasonal increase in people

Stacy, if we raise taxes we can afford more services, this is being discussed in these info sessions, important to stay informed and involved,

- Election of Board Chair John nominated Mark, Ross second, all in favor.
- Any other business old or new.
- Mark motion to adjourn 8:30 PM, John second, all in favor.

Attachments:

Copies of Public Notice and Certified Mailing Receipts Correspondence from Otis Police Department Letter from Otis Fire Department Otis Highway Department Driveway Permit July 14, 2025 Letter from Elisabeth C. Goodman July 14, 2025 Letter from Donna and Sean Norman July 14, 2025 Planning Board Meeting Sign In Sheet

Town of Otis

Planning Board
Town Hall, One North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253-0237
(413) 269-0100

June 25, 2025

Notice of Public Hearing

The Planning Board for the Town of Otis will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Otis Town Hall (1 North Main Road, Otis, MA) to hear the application of Berkshire Fabrication Solutions, LLC, for a Special Permit under Section 5.3.2.2 of the Zoning By Laws of the Town of Otis for the purpose of a driveway that will exceed 10%. The proposed driveway is 16% and is located on Beech Plain Road, known as Tax Map 10F, Lots 60, 61, and 62.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. If unable to attend please submit comments in writing to the Otis Planning Board, 1 North Main Road, PO Box 237, Otis, MA 01253-0237. Failure to make recommendations on this matter shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto. The application of this proposed Special Permit is on file with the Town Clerk and may be inspected by making arrangements with the Town Clerk.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

removal of trees in the buffer zone Notice of Intent Application submitted by Jeanette Vartigan, 483 Otis Road, Map 204, Lot 144, MA-DEP 102-0497 file number for installing a cement walkway in the buffer zone.

Determination of Request for Applicability Becket Woods Maintenance District for hand pulling invasive weeds in the resource area

Ad# 95046 06/27/2025

Legal Notices Public Notice

Please take notice that Ashuelot Park LLC, the owner of a private way running from South Street. Dalton, Massachusetts, Avenue, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, hereby gives public notice to all persons that it intends to prevent everyone from acquiring an easement or right of way over or across the said parcel of land and to prevent everyone from acquiring any interest in said parcel of land. Further, Ashuelot Park LLC, shall close said parcel of land to all persons for a minimum of hours commencing on or before 12:01 am, July 4, 2025.

ΔD# Q/850 06/27/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** WATERWAYS REGULATION **PROGRAM**

of Simplified License Application pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 91 25-WW-PRE-0066-APP

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News (N)

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Law & Order "Betrayal"

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Real Housewives "Worst

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Public Notices

NOTIFICATION DATE: June 27,

PERMITTEE: Abby Pratt

PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: 10 Water Street, West Stockbridge, MA 01266

Public notice is hereby given of the application for a Chapter 91 Simplified License by Abby Pratt to construct/maintain a footbridge support in the waters of Williams River, 10 Water Street, West Stockbridge, Berkshire County, MA 01266.

The Department will consider all written comments on this Waterways application received by within 30 days of the "Notification Date". Failure of any aggrieved person or group of ten citizens or more to submit written comments to the Waterways Regulation Program will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing in accordance with 310 CMR 9.13(4)(c). The group of citizens must include at least five citizens who are residents of the municipality in which the proposed project is located.

Project plans for this Waterways application are on file for public viewing electronically, by request to dep.waterways@mass.gov. If you do not have access to email, please leave a voicemail at (617) 292-5929 and you will be contacted with information on alternative options.

It is recommended that public comments be filed electronically dep.waterways@mass.gov possible. Alternatively, comments may be mailed to the Waterways Regulation Program at:

8 PM

Me" 'TV14'

Fire Country "Promise

Celebrity Jeopardy!

Sherry Cola" 'TVPG'

Washington Firing-

Chicago Fire "Protect a

Lies "Bloodline" 'TV14'

Happy's

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The First 48 "Unforgotten: |The First 48: Room Full of

Child" 'TV14'

Dish" 'TV14'

***** Jaws ('75) Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss, Roy Scheider. 'TV14'

Shark Tank 'TVPG'

Cooper 360 (L) (N)

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UFC Countdown 317

Jesse Watters (L) (N)

The UnXplained

All In With (L) (N)

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Gold Rush: (N)

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NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series Focused Health 250 From EchoPark

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**** Beauty and the Beast ('17) Dan Stevens, Luke Evans, Emma Watson. 'TVG'

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**** Avengers: Endgame ('19) Chris Evans, Mark Ruffalo, Robert Downey Jr.. 'TVG

90 Day Fiancé UK

Harrier, John David Washington. 'TVPG'

*** London Has Fallen ('16) Gerard Butler. 'TVPG'

Samuel Davis, Nadine Crocker.

The Rookie "The

Roundup" 'TV14'

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My Mom, Jayne Following Mariska as

**** Men in Black ('97) Tommy Lee Jones. 'TVG'

***** The Lady Eve ('41) Henry Fonda, Charles

Coburn, Barbara Stanwyck. 'TVG'

TOUT of Darkness ('22) Kit Young,

Chuku Modu, Safia Oakley-Green. 'TV14'

WWE Friday Night SmackDown (L) (N) 'TVPG'

Dateline NBC (N)

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1 Winter Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

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> Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Berkshire Division 44 Bank Row Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413) 442-6941

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. BE25P0482EA

Estate of: Gerald Henry Mose Tatro Also known as: Gerald Tatro & Gerald H. Tatro Date of Death: 03/31/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioners Audrey Volff of Lanesboro. Massachusetts. and Jared Tatro of Pownal, Vermont.

Volff of Lanesboro, Audrev Massachusetts and Jared Tatro of Pownal, Vermont have been appointed as informally the Co-Personal Representatives of the estate to serve without surety on the

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution assets and expenses of

administration. Interested parties

9:30

American Masters "Hannah Arendt:

Facing Tyranny" (N) 'TV14'

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Secret Service "Marvel

Killer "A Midsummer's

Night Murder" (N) 'TV14'

Celebrity Family Feud

Shark Tank 'TVPG'

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Grammy Greats: The Most Memorable Moments

10 PM

CBS 6 News

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Shark Tank 'TVPG'

10:00 (N)

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Chicago Fire "I'll Cover

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Celebrity Family Feud

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Final (L) (N)

BST Fridays (L) (N)

Gold Rush:

Gutfeld! (N)

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Hawke" 'TV14'

Last Word (L) (N)

Zero Mostel. 'TVG'

90 Day Fiancé UK

Peacemaker (N)

******★ **Cabin Fever** ('16) Matthew Daddario,

Movie ('16) Jennifer Saunders. 'TVG'

(L) (N)

American Masters "Hannah Arendt: Facing Tyranny

*** Night School (2018, Comedy) Tiffany Haddish, Rob Riggle, Kevin | *** Night School ('18) Tiffany Haddish,

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she seeks to know her mother. (N) 'TV14' Is in Charge Here?" 'TVMA' as she seeks to know her mother. 'TV14'

The Office

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Podcast

X Games Salt Lake City 2025 (L) (N)

**** Avengers: Infinity War ('18) Chris Hemsworth, Josh Brolin, Robert Downey Jr.. 'TVG'

10:30

Public Notices

are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to orders terminating restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

James J. Sisto, Esq. 33 Main Street North Adams, MA 01247

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The Berkshire Eagle

EARLY DEADLINES WEEK OF JULY 1-8 PUBLIC NOTICES &

DISPLAY ADS For publication Wed., 7/2, deadline Mon., 6/30 @ noon For publication Sat., 7/5, deadline Tues., 7/1 @ noon For publication Thurs., 7/3 deadline Tues., 7/1 @ noon For publication Fri., 7/4 deadline Wed., 7/2 @ noon For publication Mon., 7/7

(online only) deadline Wed., 7/2 @ 4pm For publication Tues., 7/8 deadline Wed., 7/2 @ 4pm

column ad deadlines remain the same with the exception of 4pm on Wednesday for publication on Thurs., 7/3, Fri., 7/4 and Sat., 7/5

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June 27, 2025

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Rob Riggle, Kevin Hart. 'TVG'

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Theory, The Sheldon

Celebrity Family Feud

Laura Coates Live (L) (N)

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NCIS: N.O. "Radio Silence"

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Resident "Truth Hurts" (N)

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Resident "Truth Hurts" (N)

('07) Dane Cook. 'TVPG'

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**** The Producers ('68) Gene Wilder, Dick Shawn,

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Live! 'TV14'

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Solutions, LLC, for a Special Permit under Section 5.3.2.2 of the Zoning By Laws of the Town of Otis for the purpose of a driveway that will exceed 10%. The proposed driveway is 16% and is located on Beech Plain Road, known as Tax Map 10F, Lots 60, 61, and 62.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard should appear at the time and place designated. If unable to attend please submit comments in writing to the Otis Planning Board, 1 North Main Road, PO Box 237, Otis, MA 01253-0237. Failure to make recommendations on this matter shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto. The application of this proposed Special Permit is on file with the Town Clerk and may be inspected by making arrangements with the Town Clerk

All interested parties are invited to attend.

AD# 95000 06/27/2025, 07/04/2025

TOWN OF LANESBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lanesborough Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6 pm for a Request Determination submitted Reauest construction of garage, driveways, and associated grading at 545 South Main Street, Lanesborough MA. The meeting will be held in person in the Lanesborough Town Hall Community Room. Information regarding remote access through the Zoom platform can be found on the posted agenda. Comments may be sent to the Lanesborough Conservation Commission at 83 North Main Street, P.O. Box 1492, Lanesborough, MA 01237 or via email at lanesboroughconservation @gmail.com Stacy Parsons

Agent, Lanesborough Conservation Commission

Ad# 94996 06/27/2025

> TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Selectboard will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 14, at 6:00 PM at 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230, to act on the application of Air Hospitality, LLC for transfer of license and change of manager for the All Alcoholic Beverages on-premises liquor license at 312 Main Street, Suite 1, Great Barrington, 01230. Proposed manager: Joshua Tracy

Stephen Bannon Selectboard Chair

AD# 94944 06/27/2025

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ESTATE SALE 149 HURLBURT RD. **GT BARRINGTON** SAT, 6/28 9-2

Antique & New Furniture, Antique Blanket Chest, Chest of Drawers, Mahogany Drop-Leaf Table & Chairs, End Tables. Antique Wicker Lounge & Chair, China, Collection of Insulators, Record Players, Comstock Wood Stove, Tools, Air Conditioners and More.

ESTATE SALE 476 Dingle Road, Worthington Saturday, June 28 & Sunday, June 29 9 - 4

More than 70 year of accumulation! Includes tools, boating, fishing, camping, Railroad, household, vintage & mid-century, washer, dryer, new chest freezer, chainlink fence rolls, large number of chains.

ESTATE SALE by Crossroads Estate Solutions — 2 Emily Ct, Blue Hill Commons, Great Barrington. Saturday 6/28. 9 AM-3 PM 8 Sunday 6/29, 10 AM-1 PM. Beauti ful furniture, décor, art, kitchenware & more. Don't miss this lovely home full of quality items! Photos and more details on EstateSales.NET

PITTSFIELD, 1186 WEST HOU-SATONIC ST. Saturday & Sunday, June 28 & 29, 9am-3pm. Lots of tools, garage items, household items, and more.

PITTSFIELD, 14 HOLLISTER ST. Saturday & Sunday, June 28th & 29th, 9am-4pm. Moving sale. Everything must go, make an offer.

PITTSFIELD, 29 SOMERSET AVE. Sat. & Sun., 6/27 & 6/28, 9am-2pm. Much quitar, tube amps, musical gear, tools, furniture, and toys. A little of everything. No trades, no early birds

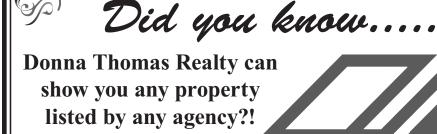
PITTSFIELD, 541 WEST ST. Sat & Sun, 6/28 & 6/29, 9am-4pm. Furniture, buffet tables, antique walnut dining set, dressers, antique desk, antiques, tools, outdoor de-cor, chainsaw, BBQ grills, full weight set with all weights, clothes/ miscellaneous. 944 1986 Porsche.

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NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

> Planning Board **LEGAL NOTICE** July 14th, 2025

In conformance with the Zoning Ordinances of the City of North Adams requirements of Massachusetts General Laws. Massachusetts ' General Chapter 40A, the North Adams Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in person located in City Council Chambers and via recorded teleconference at: https:// u s 0 2 w e b . z o o m . u s / j / 82100720780?pwd=Z3hySGNZajN 6R0I1U2hMcWtFTjZMdz09,

or dial (929) 205-6099, webinar ID: 821 0072 0780; Passcode: 01247. Additional call-in numbers can be found at https://www.north adams-ma.gov/calendar.php.

· Case No: SPA2025- 13 Application of Craig Ferris for property located at 37 Watson Street. A Change of use is requested for a short-term rental in an R-4 Zone.

Case No: SPA2025-14 Application of Timothy Stys for property located at 85 Main Street. A Change of use is requested for a martial arts gym in a CBD Zone.

· Case No: SPA2025-15 Application of Greta Gacchetti for property located at 202 Furnace Street Apt 1. A Change of use is requested for a short-term rental

in an R-5 Zone.
Case No: SPA2025-16 Application of Saxton Sign LLC for property located at 466 Curran Highway. Signage is requested in an R-4 Zone.

The applications and plans for the above-mentioned cases available for inspection in the Office of Community Development between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Friday by appointment.

Brian Miksic, Chairman North Adams Planning Board

Ad# 94969 06/27/2025.07/04/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Berkshire Probate** and Family Court

CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Docket No. BE69915

In the matter of: **Edward Russell Bourne**

Berkshire Probate and Family Court 44 Bank Row Pittsfield, MA01201 (413) 442-6941

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Successor to Chase Manhattan Bank of Rochester, NY requesting allowance of the 46th Account under Article 7th account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, vou or vour attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 7/22/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Richard A Simons, First Justice of this Court. Date: 6/24/2025

Anthony P. Patella Register of Probate

Kathleen M. McCormick, Esq. McCormick, Murtagh & Marcus 390 Main Street, Suite 2 Great Barrington, MA 01230

Ad# 95202 07/04/2025

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Ad# 95201 07/04/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Berkshire Division 44 Bank Row Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413) 442-6941

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. BE25P0318EA

Estate of: Edward Lee Chelstowski Date of Death: 02/01/2025

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Randy Chelstowski of North Adams, MA.

Randy Chelstowski of North Adams, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to orders terminating restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be

Thomas J. Hamel, Esq. Courtney, Lee & Hamel, PC 31 Wendell Avenue Pittsfield, MA 01201

obtained from the Petitioner.

Ad# 95209 07/04/2025

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. BE25P0487P0

TRUST CITATION

In the matter of: 2013 Irrevocable Trust fbo Lara Gallant, Settlors are Robert Gallant (dod 1/27/14) and Mary Gallant (dod 1/15/23)

> **Berkshire Probate and Family Court** 44 Bank Row Pittsfield, MA 01201 413-442-6941

To all interested persons:

Petition has been filed by: Christine Sinopoli of Stockbridge MA requesting to Remove Jennifer Gallant as Trustee and Appoint Dominic E. Sinopoli as Successor Trustee, to serve without sureties on the bond and any other such relief as requested in Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 07/23/2025.

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WITNESS, Hon, Richard A Simons. First Justice of this Court. Date: June 25, 2025 Anthony P Patella Register of Probate

Benjamin Smith, Esq. BENJAMIN SMITH & ASSOCIATES, LEGAL COUNSEL P.C. 75 North Street, Suite 320 Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413) 442-2731

AD# 95208 07/04/2025

Notice of Public Hearing

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The Planning Board for the Town of Otis will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 7:00 pm

The Berkshire Eagle

at the Otis Town Hall (1 North Main Road, Otis, MA) to hear the application of Berkshire Fabrication Solutions, LLC, for a Special Permit under Section 5.3.2.2 of the Zoning By Laws of the Town of Otis for the purpose of a driveway that will exceed 10%. The proposed driveway is 16% and is located on Beech Plain Road, known as Tax Map 10F, Lots 60, 61, and 62.

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Announcements

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donated in error to Goodwill in Lee late March 2025. Size approx. 20"x15", blue, green & white by Eliz. Hughes. Text photo & price to 202-494-1490.

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STEPHENTOWN NY: Countryside,1

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Tag Sales

PITTSFIELD, 107 CHAPEL ST. Saturday, 7/5 7am-3pm. Daybed, crib, designer sneakers, craft supplies, party supplies, boys clothes, toys, Dinosaurs, household essentials, collectibles, dishes. Something for everyone.

PITTSFIELD, 10 Elaine Dr., Estate Sale. Sat., 7/5, 9am-1pm. Tools, housewares, lots of furniture, linens, some equipment, something for everyone. Ad sponsored by KRG -Key Realty Group.

Tag Sales

PITTSFIELD, 26 SPADINA PARK-**WAY.** (off South St. across from Dettingers). Sat., 7/5, 9am-2pm. Fabulous vintage collectibles including 1950s - \'70s Christmas, 1930s - \'50s printed tablecloths and towels. Also kitchenware, housewares, glassware, pottery, office supplies. Razor kick scooter, electric juicer, So much good stuff all priced to sell. Rain postpones to Sunday 7/6.

> PITTSFIELD 2 FAMILY TAG SALE 140 & 145 Sherwood Drive Saturday, July 5th 8 am - 12 pm household items

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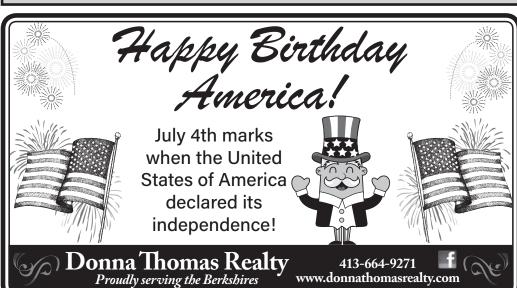
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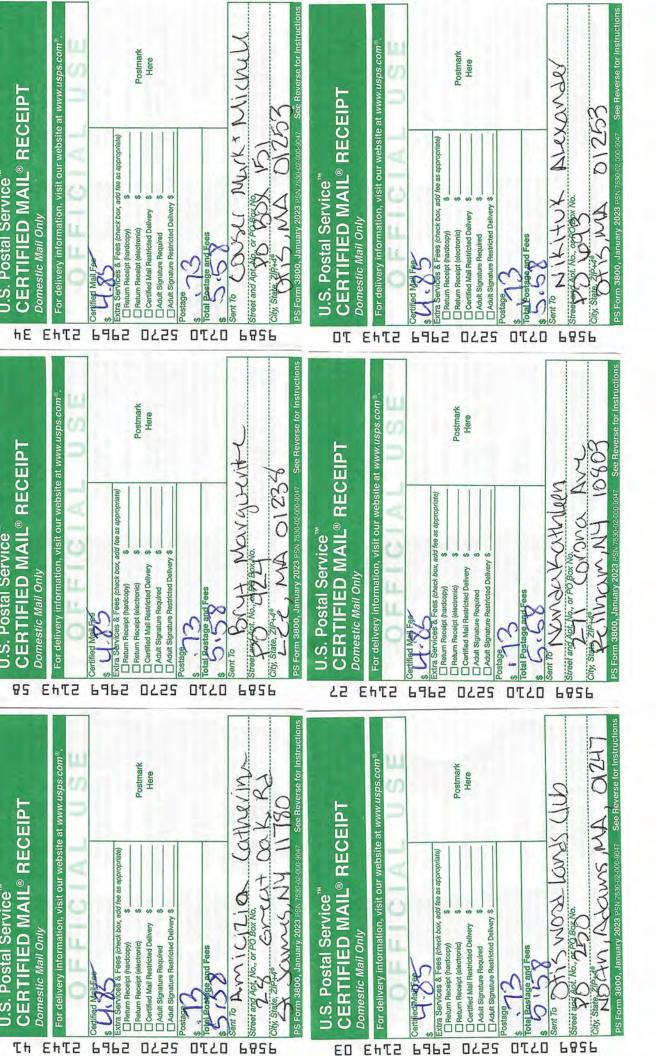
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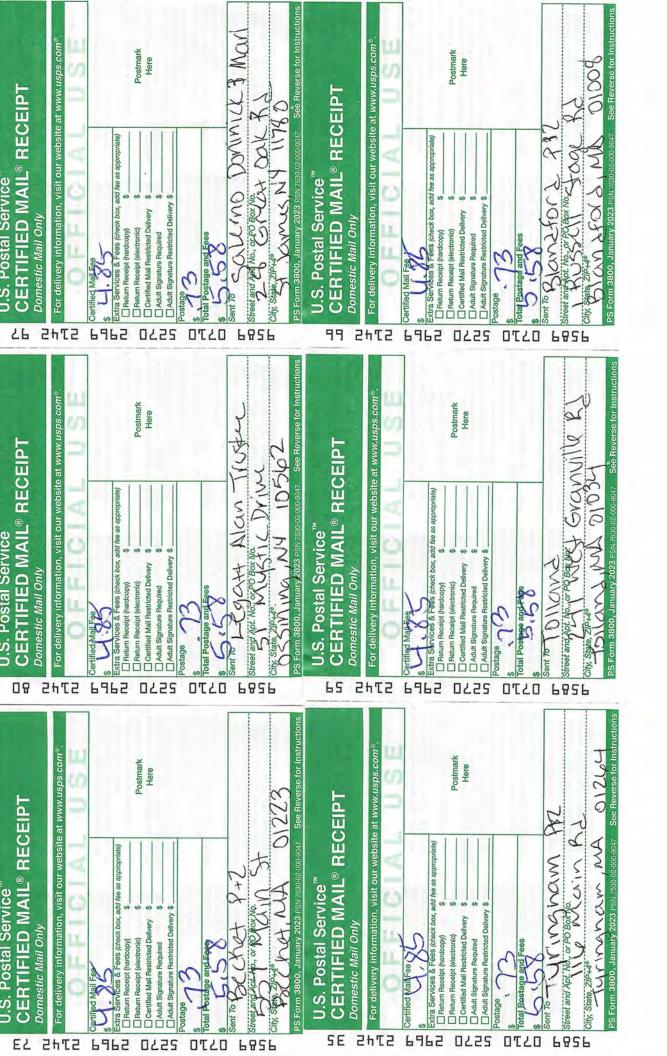
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Re: 43 N Beech Plain Rd

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Angela Nikituk <angela@berkshire-fabrication.com>
To: "Weidhaas, Tammy" <PoliceSergeant@townofotisma.com>
Cc: Office BFS <office@berkshire-fabrication.com>

Mon, May 19, 2025 at 11:15 AM

Sgt Weidhaas,

Thank you for your time meeting with Alex, it is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Angela Nikituk Berkshire Fabrication Solutions LLC (413) 209-1072



On Sun, May 18, 2025 at 3:20 PM Weidhaas, Tammy <PoliceSergeant@townofotisma.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I met with Alex on May 18th to discuss the driveway for 43 N Beech Plain Rd in Otis.

I visited the proposed site for the driveway and have reviewed the layout. Based on my observations, I have no concerns with the proposed location or design.

Please let me know if you need anything further from my end.

Sgt Tammy Weidhaas

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15 South Main Road

P.O. Box 157

Otis, MA 01253

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6/19/25

To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to the property on North Beech Plain Rd, Owned by Alex Nikituk. I have inspected the property's access points and driveways and it is my professional opinion that the drive way located on the Sandisfield side of the property is sufficient access as is, for any and all emergency apparatus from the Town of Otis that may need to enter the property. Any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Richard Phair

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Fire Chief

Otis Fire Department

Town of Otis

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 417 North Main Rd., Otis, MA 01253 (413) 269-0106 Fax:269-4297 highway.otis@gmail.com



Driveway Permit
Date: 2/18/25
Name of Property Owner: Angela & Hex Nikituk
Mailing Address: POBOX 693 Otis
Phone Number: 4/3-209-1072 email officeaberlashin
Location of Property (Map and Lot) Lot 60
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Details of Construction: New Diveway
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Contractor: Self
Approval of Plans: Derekfortier Duch la
Liability of damage to Town Roads:
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Location of driveway with regard to road frontage:
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July 14, 2025

VIA EMAIL planning@townofotisma.com

Planning Board Otis Town Hall One North Main Road Otis, MA 01253

Re: Berkshire Fabrication Application for Driveway Special Permit

Dear Planning Board Members:

I represent the Otis Wood Lands Club, Inc. ("OWL"). We are providing written comments for the public hearing on the application (the "Application") of Berkshire Fabrication Solutions, LLC (the "Applicant") for a special permit under section 5.3.2.2 of the Otis Zoning Bylaws (the "Zoning Bylaws") scheduled for July 14, 2025. OWL requests that the Planning Board continue this hearing to allow OWL time to review the application and submit additional information, and for the reasons set forth in detail below.

The Owl Community

As you may know, OWL is a vibrant community of 220 homes that has been a part of Otis for more than fifty years. As stated in the history of OWL, "The Wood Lands were developed to provide privacy, preserve the natural beauty of the forest, provide for accessibility and convenience, offer a wide choice of recreational, social and cultural activities in the area as well as provide for a sound investment." This residential community is governed by a 9-member Board of Directors (the "Directors") and this comment letter represents the views and position of the Directors. Individual homeowners may be filing their own comments on this Application. The OWL community are good neighbors, pay taxes, work well with the Town of Otis, and fully support ongoing efforts to revitalize downtown Otis

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Reasons for Continuing this Hearing

This is a complex Application, involving two towns and several special permits. The proposed building is located immediately adjacent to Beech Plain Road and will be used for manufacturing, a use traditionally excluded from residential neighborhoods. The OWL residents require more information about the potential effect of this use on their beloved community. It is not clear that the Applicant has taken all steps to reduce impacts from the proposed manufacturing use and allowing the driveway to be fixed on the site without resolution of these issues would be inefficient and could limit the choices and possible mitigation that might bring resolution to both parties.

OWL has been told that a neighbor across the street did not receive any notice of this hearing. OWL itself did not receive the required notice and it reserves all rights to challenge any decision of this Board based on lack of proper notice. If the Board confirms that notice was not properly sent, this hearing should be closed and a new hearing noticed.

Proposed Driveway Grade of 16% is Unsafe

The driveway special permit is required because the proposed grade of this driveway is 16%. The Zoning Bylaw, section 5.3.2 (2) requires a grade of not more than 6% or 10% more than 20 feet from the public road. The Applicant has not shown why a steeper grade over a very short distance is mandatory. There are engineering solutions that have not been considered that allow a reduction of a grade. How well can trucks make it up this driveway during the winter months? Where is the review by safety officials? It seems there are other design options that will meet the Zoning Bylaw requirements without requiring this special permit.

The Applicant Clear Cut the Property without Approval

The Applicant has undertaken to clear cut and re-grade what appears to be clearly more than 5,000 square feet of the site in violation of the Zoning Bylaws. (Their proposed building is almost 5,000 square feet, and they have cleared much more area for proposed parking and roadways.) See attached views showing the amount of clear cutting that has occurred. The Application states that the design is intended to "minimize the amount of disturbance on the site", but this is not what the Applicant has done. Section 9.4.2 (2) of the Zoning Bylaws state that the following use is required to obtain site plan approval, presumably before the work is done: "Grading or re-grading of land to planned elevations or removal or disturbance of the existing vegetated cover, over an area of five thousand (5,000) or more square feet..." The Planning Board should act cautiously in granting approval for work done in violation of the Zoning Bylaws.

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The Applicant's Response to the Section 9.3.2 Criteria is Inadequate

The criteria in Section 9.3.2 apply here. The Application only mentions the economic aspects of this commercial operation in addressing the first criteria, which is impact on the community. There is no mention of the effect on the OWL community, including two residential homes located on Beech Plain Road directly across the street from this project. It should be noted that neither of these two homes, which are both located within 100 feet of the proposed building and access road are shown on the site plan. Indeed, the OWL Board has been informed that one of those two homeowners never received any notice of this hearing -- another reason for continuing the hearing. OWL strongly supports the Otis economic revitalization efforts currently underway; indeed, several OWL homeowners are active participants with the advisory committee.

Nonetheless, the somewhat limited economic development this project brings -- we understand the Applicants will only be hiring two or three people -- should not be at the expense of homeowners' quiet enjoyment of this residential neighborhood.

Category 2, traffic safety is not properly addressed as information on the size, type and frequency of truck deliveries is not included nor are comments from fire and town safety officials. Even if they are provided between the date of this comment letter and the hearing, the community has the right to have time to evaluate and respond to these comments.

Category 4, where the Planning Board is charged with weighing the effect of the Project on the neighborhood character, is very weak. Offering to consult on the color of the 5,000 square foot commercial building is not sufficient or effective mitigation. Moreover, there are no assurances from Applicant about the potential noise and exhaust fumes coming from their welding operation.

The Applicant touts the minimal disturbance in Category 5, which is untrue, and then notes the building is located on the edge of the residential street to avoid impacts on the riverfront. This is disingenuous because the property is elevated approximately sixty feet above the Farmington River. There would be no effects on the riverfront; it is likely the Applicant simply is trying to avoid the expense of seeking the necessary permitting. Similarly, they have made no effort to devise access from Route 8. The Applicant appears to have worked hard to avoid the expense of wetland permitting and access off of Route 8 permitting but the price being paid is an unnecessary greater adverse impact on the residential neighborhood because the Applicant does not want to undertake to locate the building further from Beech Plain Road.

For all the reasons set forth above, we respectfully request that the Planning Board continue this matter and obtain more information about the safety of the proposed driveway and possible mitigation measures that may be required of the Applicant that in turn could affect the location of a driveway.

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Very truly yours,

DONOVAN O'CONNOR & DODIG, LLP Elisalsith C. Goodine

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Planning Board Otis Town Hall One North Main Road Otis, MA 01253

Re: Public Hearing: Special Permit Beech Plain Road

To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of Otis Woodlands for nearly 25 years, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed use of the property at the entrance to our community for a commercial welding business.

Otis Woodlands is a quiet, residential neighborhood of more than 200 homes, set in a heavily wooded, environmentally sensitive area. Our community values nature, peace, and safety—and we have contributed significantly to the town's tax base while preserving these values. The proposed industrial use of this property is fundamentally incompatible with our way of life.

There are several serious concerns with this proposal:

Traffic & Safety Hazards:

Our **sole** access is via Beech Plain Road and Route 8, which intersect at a blind curve. This area is already problematic—especially in winter—when delivery trucks have blocked the roadway. Adding commercial traffic from a welding operation will increase congestion, the risk of accidents, and deterioration of road conditions. The blind spot when exiting Otis Woodlands only amplifies the danger.

Fire Risk:

Welding operations involve high heat, sparks, and open flames. Placing such an operation at the entrance to a forested residential neighborhood—comprised largely of wood-framed homes—is not only ill-advised, it is dangerous. We have already experienced a recent house fire within Otis Woodlands, as well as a nearby forest fire in Great Barrington. Our own community regulations prohibit fire pits and outdoor heaters for this very reason. Introducing a welding business just outside our only access point could put the entire community at risk.

Community Integrity:

Allowing a commercial welding operation at the entrance to a peaceful residential community undermines the character and integrity of Otis Woodlands. It jeopardizes property values and threatens the safety and quality of life for more than 200 households.

This proposal is incompatible with residential zoning, environmental stewardship, and the community standards that have guided Otis Woodlands for decades. I respectfully and strongly urge the town to reject this application and preserve the safety, character, and integrity of our neighborhood.

Noise, Furnes, and Odors:

Welding is not only loud, but can produce fumes and chemical odors that pose health and environmental risks. Residents are already disturbed by the extensive tree clearing at the site, which has negatively impacted the visual landscape. Adding the persistent noise and emissions from industrial activity will further degrade our air quality, tranquility, and overall well-being.

Sincerety,

Donna and Sean Norman Resident, Otis Woodlands

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